

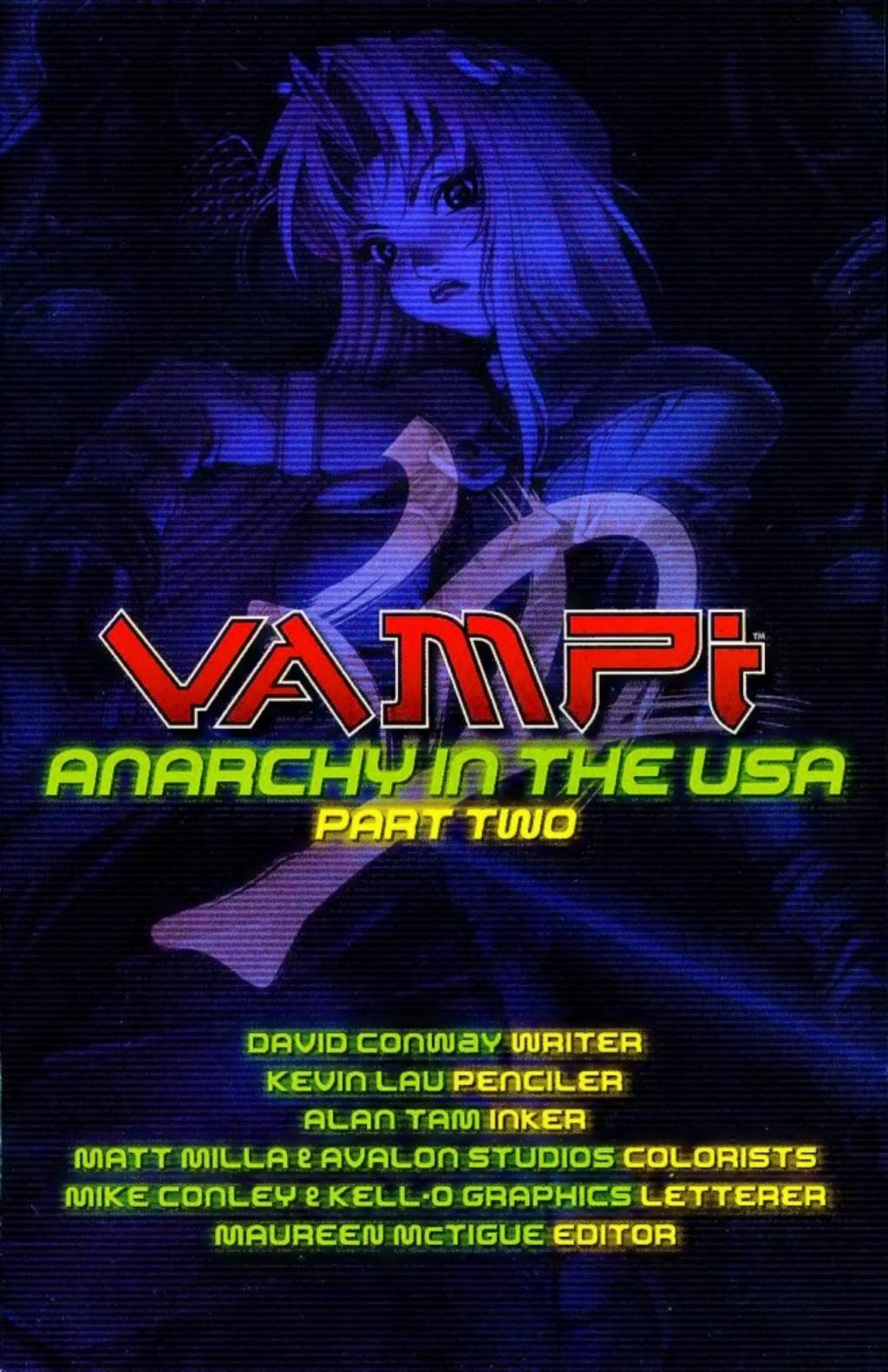




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ANARCHY IN THE USA

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WHAT HAS COME BEFORE

The Phage epidemic reaches damning proportions. Those addicted are wreaking havoc on the cities.



Vampi investigates the origins of the drug bringing her to blows with The Salarymen, a group dedicated to spreading the evils of Phage world-wide.

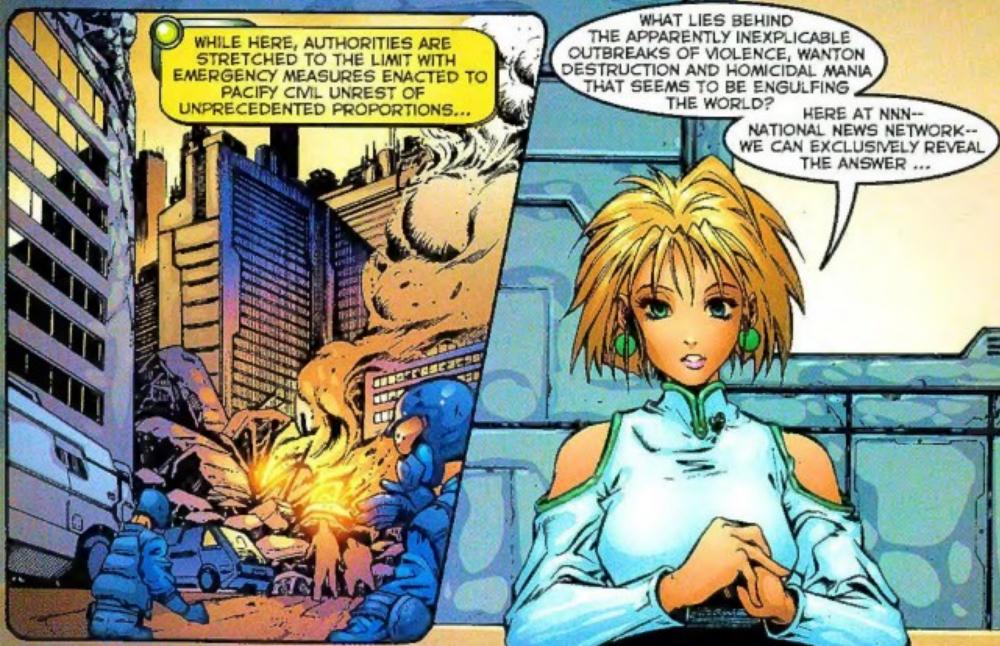
Getting the information she needs, Vampi destroys most of the Salarymen and their stash, and heads off to find Archangel, the true mastermind behind the addictive invasion.



She brings with her one lone survivor of the Salarymen's devastation: a young girl who watched her parents fall under the Phage addict's blade. But in her moment of victory, Vampi loses the girl.



And then the Garbage Men arrive. Their goal's the same as Vampi's: destroy the Phage, and it's blood-lusting addicts. And they see the young vampire as a major threat.





BUT WHO--
OR WHAT-- IS BEHIND
ANARCHY, INC.?

SHALL WE EVER
SEE THE TRUE FACE OF
EVIL THAT HIDES BEHIND A
MASK OF SECRECY
AND TERROR?



IN ORDER TO
ANSWER THIS AND OTHER
PRESSING QUESTIONS, WE NOW
JOIN REPORTER, BRITNEY STONE,
LIVE AT THE SCENE OF THE
LATEST CIVIL PACIFICATION
OPERATION.

CAN
YOU HEAR US,
BRITNEY?

LOUD
AND CLEAR,
TIFFANY.

DESPITE
OVERWHELMING ODDS,
EMERGENCY SQUADS ARE
TURNING THE TIDE AND
TAKING CONTROL OF
THE STREETS.



THERE HAVE BEEN
REPORTS OF HOSTILE
ACTIVITY IN SOME OF THESE
BUILDINGS AND...

SORRY
TO INTERRUPT,
BRITNEY--

-- BUT WE'VE JUST
INTERCEPTED SECURITY
FOOTAGE TRANSMITTED TO
A SATELLITE UP-LINK FROM
THE BESIEGED BUILDING
IN QUESTION --



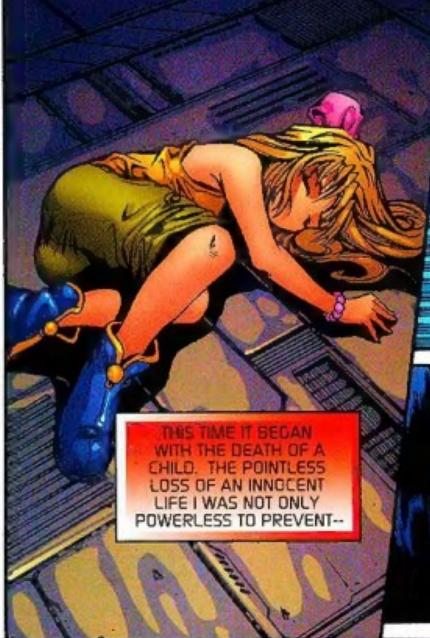
"... WHERE THE
ACTIVITY IS VERY
HOSTILE; INDEED."

THE CYCLE OF
VIOLENCE NEVER
SEEMS TO END.





-BUT A CRIME FOR
WHICH I'VE BEEN
SUMMARILY
JUDGED GUILTY.



THIS TIME IT BEGAN
WITH THE DEATH OF A
CHILD. THE POINTLESS
LOSS OF AN INNOCENT
LIFE I WAS NOT ONLY
POWERLESS TO PREVENT--



AN UNDERSTANDABLE
MISTAKE UNDER
THE CIRCUMSTANCES.



BUT THERE'S NO
TIME TO EXPLAIN WHAT
REALLY HAPPENED.



THESE GUYS
TALK LATER--



-AND SHOOT
FIRST.



SO MAYBE
YOU-- WHATEVER
YOU ARE-- REALLY
ARE TELLING US THE
TRUTH HERE.

STILL, IF YOU
DIDN'T DO IT, WHO DID?

A BUNCH OF REAL
PHAGE-FREAKS CALLED THE
SALARYMEN. THEY WERE SET TO
FLOOD THE WHOLE CITY
WITH THE STUFF.

THEY WILL THINK
I'M A MONSTER

UNTIL I
BLEW THEM, THEIR HQ,
AND THEIR ENTIRE STASH
TO ATOMS ...

MAYBE MY
DETERMINATION
TO SPARE THEIR
LIVES WILL

WE'RE ALL
ON THE SAME
SIDE HERE.

IF WE WEREN'T,
I'D HAVE FILLETED YOUR
BUDDIES WHEN I HAD THE
CHANCE-- AND WE WOULDN'T
BE DISCUSSING
THIS.

IF THE TRUTH
WON'T CONVince
THEM OTHERWISE...

YOU AIN'T BUYIN'
THIS CROCK, ARE
YOU SARGE?!

I SAY WE
WASTE HER-- IT'S
THE ONLY WAY TO
BE SURE!

BUT THEY'RE
SCARED--
WOUND TIGHT
AS PIANO WIRE

AND THAT MAKES
THESE GUYS EVERY
BIT AS DANGEROUS--

IS BEING
LAUGHED DEAD IN
THE SIGHTS OF
A REAL KILLER--

“LIKE
ARCHANGEL”

XENOCIDE!

THIS IS
URGENT.

UH, CAN'T
IT WAIT? I'M KIND
OF BUSY.

WHATEVER YOU'RE
DOING CAN BE OF NO
CONSEQUENCE.

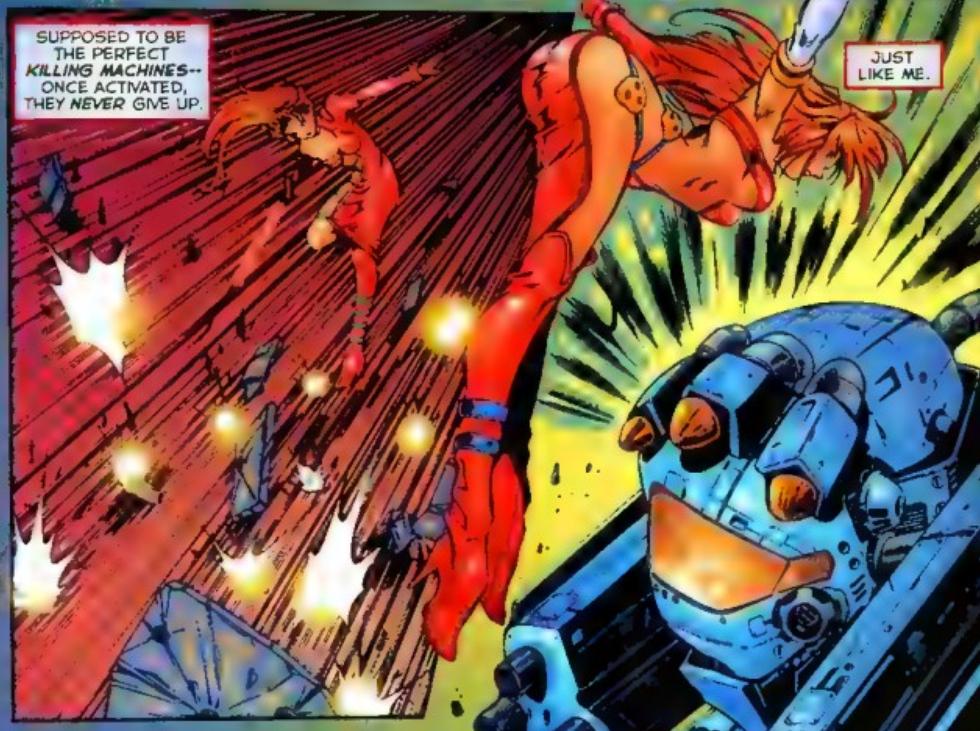
AND, I
DON'T REQUEST
THE PLEASURE OF
YOUR COMPANY--

-- I INSIST.

You insist--
really?

There's a
novelty.





BECAUSE THEY
WERE BUILT WITHOUT
AN OFF SWITCH...

...THERE'S ONLY
ONE WAY TO
DEACTIVATE THEM.

COULDN'T
BE SIMPLER,
REALLY.

XENOCIDE!

DON'T TRY
MY PATIENCE!

THE TIME
HAS COME TO
STOP PLAYING
WITH TOYS—



IS TO BE AS
RUTHLESS AS
THEY ARE.

WE'RE ALL SO
USED TO KILLING
IT'S BECOME EASY

SO EASY

SELF-DEFENSE
IS ONE THING -

NICE
WEAPONS... BUT
FOR A KILLER SHE
SEEMS RELUCTANT
TO USE THEM.

BUT COLD-BLOODED
MURDER IS ANOTHER!

BEING A VAMPIRE--
HAEMOPHAGIC PARASITE--
SHE KILLS PRIMARILY
FOR ONE REASON:
TO FEED.

HER MODUS
OPERANDI IS SIMILAR
TO A BLACK WIDOW
SPIDER'S.

SHE DISABLES
HER VICTIMS AND FEEDS
ON THEM LATER WHILE
THEY ARE HELPLESS.

NEEDLESS
MUTILATION WOULD
SIMPLY WASTE THE
BLOOD SHE
CRAVES.

SINCE I DESCEND
TO THAT LEVEL...



SO YOU
STILL THINK TALK
IS CHEAP, HUH?



BUT THE
ALTERNATIVE
IS WAY TOO
COSTLY.



DAMMIT!
DO YOU
THINK SHE WAS
KILLED?



HIS FATE,
HOWEVER,
IS SEALED



IF YOU
REALLY BELIEVE
ACTION SPEAKS
LOUDER THAN
WORDS --



-- I GUESS
THERE'S ONLY ONE
WAY TO PROVE HOW
SERIOUS I AM.

AND THAT'S TO
BET MY LIFE THAT YOU'RE
JUST AN HONEST GI CHARGED
WITH THE DIRTIEST DUTY YOU
EVER DREAMED OF...

NOT SOME
COLD-BLOODED
KILLER.

BUT I'M TRYING
TO FIND A CURE FOR THAT--
AS WELL AS STOPPING THE
BASTARD WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS.
KIND OF A TWO BIRDS WITH
ONE STONE SITUATION.

SOUNDS
FEASIBLE... I
GUESS.

MAYBE.

BUT HOW
CAN I BE SURE
ABOUT YOU?

YOU'RE RIGHT,
I'M NOT EXACTLY
...NORMAL.

WE'RE
BOTH ON THE
SAME SIDE.

YOU
FIGURE--?

SURE.
AND
UNLESS WE
WORK TOGETHER
THERE'S NO WAY
WE CAN WIN.

NOW THAT'S
THE ONLY DAMN THING
I'VE HEARD ALL NIGHT
THAT MAKES ANY
SENSE.

-- AND ONCE
AGAIN WE APOLOGIZE
TO VIEWERS FOR THE
LOSS OF OUR LIVE
SATELLITE FEED.

WHAT DO
YOU SUPPOSE
HAPPENED?

AFTER SHE
SLAUGHTERED
AND DEFILED
HER VICTIMS'
CORPSES?

WHAT
ELSE WOULD
SUCH PARASITIC
VERMIN DO?

NEVERLAND

...WHICH CONCLUDES NNN'S SPECIAL REPORT ON THE CURRENT CRISIS...

-- TONIGHT WE'VE SEEN THE SAVAGE FACE OF ANARCHY, THE UNREASONING VIOLENCE OUR TROOPS FACE NIGHTLY AND...



DON'T MAKE THE MISTAKE OF UNDERESTIMATING HER.

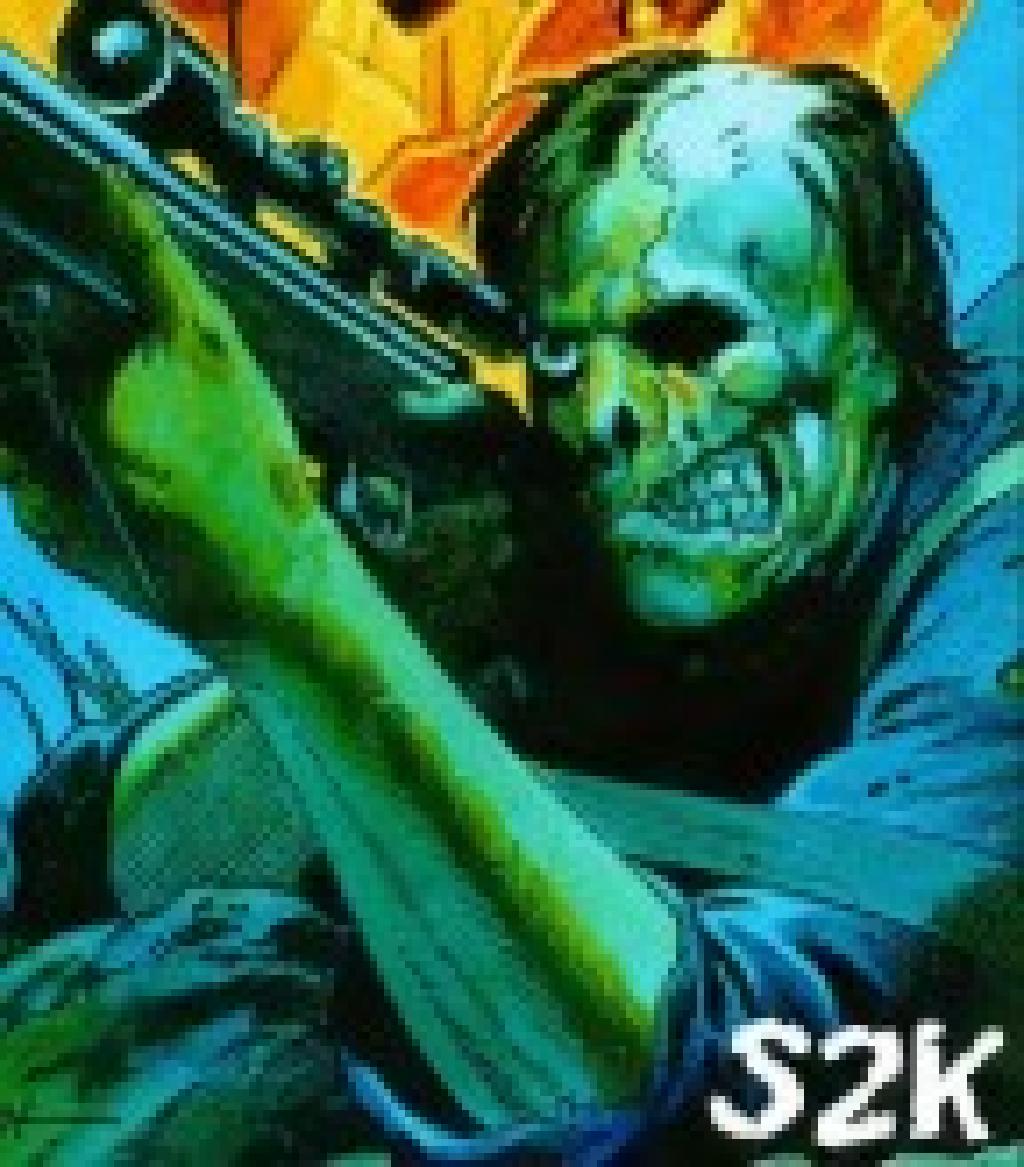
IF I HAVE TO REMIND YOU OF WHAT SHE'S REALLY CAPABLE OF...

...JUST A LOOK AT MY FACE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

I KNOW HOW SHE'S MADE US ALL SUFFER--YOU ESPECIALLY.

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO KILL HER FOR YOU, DAD.

TO BE CONTINUED



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IT'S A QUESTION OF
SURVIVAL-- AND
NORMALLY ONLY ONE
OF US WALKS AWAY.

BUT THESE ARE JUST
ORDINARY GUYS DOING
AN IMPOSSIBLE JOB.

I CAN'T BLAME THEM
FOR ASSUMING I'M SOME
KIND OF MONSTER...

OR EVER
FOR WANTING
TO KILL ME

BUT THE REAL
CHALLENGE
FOR ME IS NOT TO
SAVE MY LIFE--

LISTEN,
THIS IS POINTLESS--
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL
WRONG.

BUT TO TRY
AND SAVE THEIRS.

HOLD
YOUR FIRE,
MEN.

THIS IS
ONE EXPLANATION
I'VE GOT TO
HEAR.





BUT GO SCURRYING
BACK TO HER LAIR--

CAUGHT IN THE
CROSSFIRE LIKE THAT
YOU DON'T GET TO
MAKE IT BACK
ALIVE, VAMP!

FOR ONCE
I MANAGED TO
AVOID UNNECESSARY
BLEEDING,
JACOB.

IF THAT'S HIS
IDEA OF A JOKE,
IT WAS A FATAL
MISTAKE--

--'CAUSE
NOW WE'VE GOT A
DEFINITE LEAD ON HIS
SORRY ASS.

--HER OBSCENE
HUNGER SATISFIED

PERHAPS I'M
DEVELOPING A
TASTE FOR THIS
SYNTHETIC BLOOD-
SERUM OVER THE
REAL THING.

WHILE
ARCHANGEL USES
PHAGE TO SPREAD
HIS OWN BRAND OF
"VAMPIRISM".

YES.
AND YOUR
INTUITION WAS
CORRECT.

THE BAR-CODE
TATTOO YOU SAW
ON THE GUARDMAN'S
FOREARM IS A
PRISON ID.

THE TOUGHEST
FACILITY IN THE
COUNTRY-- ALLEGEDLY
ESCAPE-PROOF.

EVERY INMATE
IS SERVING LIFE
WITHOUT POSSIBILITY
OF PAROLE.

SO NOT
EVEN ONE OF THESE
PUNKS SHOULD BE ON
THE STREET.

LET ALONE A WHOLE
GANG-- UNLESS SOMEONE
PLANNED IT THAT WAY, RIGHT?
AND THESE CREEPS OBVIOUSLY
WORK FOR ARCHANGEL.

WHAT ELSE
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT
THE PLACE, JACOB?

APART FROM
ITS REPUTATION?
ONLY IT'S
NAME....

